CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

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- 5 1. A coating composition comprising a chrome-free environmentally friendly formulation.
 - 2. The coating according to claim 1, wherein said composition includes water, resins, hazardous air pollutants-free co-solvents, organofunctional silanes, metal chelating agents, and chrome-free corrosion inhibitors.
- 3. The coating according to claim 2, wherein said composition further includes at least one pH adjusting agent.
 - 4. The coating according to claim 2, wherein said water is present in a range of 60-70% by weight, and preferably present in a range of 61-63% by weight.
 - 5. The coating according to claim 2, wherein said resin is present in a range of 15-25% by weight and preferably in a range of 20-23% by weight is preferred.
 - 6. The coating according to claim 2, wherein said resin is of a size selected from the group consisting essentially of micro- and nano- particle size.
- 7. The coating according to claim 5, wherein said resin is selected from the group consisting essentially of an acrylic emulsion, a polyurethane emulsion, a co-polymer emulsion, and other similar compounds.
 - 8. The coating according to claim 2, wherein said hazardous air pollutants (HAPs)-free co-solvents are present in a range of 10-20% by weight and preferably in a range of 15-17% by weight.
- The coating according to claim 11, wherein said hazardous air pollutants (HAPs) free co-solvents are selected from the group consisting essentially of DPnB and PnB co-solvents.
 - 10. The coating according to claim 2, wherein said organofunctional silanes are present in a range of 0.4-5% by weight and preferably in a range of 1.5-2.5 % by weight is preferred.
- 11. The coating according to claim 10, wherein said organofunctional silanes include sterically hindered substituents located at silicon atoms.
 - 12. The coating according to claim 11, wherein said substituents are selected from the group consisting essentially of vinyl, epoxy, sulfur, amino, functionalized

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mercaptosilanes, and aminosilanes. -

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13. The coating according to claim 2, wherein said corrosion inhibitors are present in a range of 0.1-1.0% by weight and preferably in a range of 0.3-0.5% by weight is preferred.

- 14. The coating according to claim 11, wherein corrosion inhibitor is selected from the group consisting essentially of silicates, vanadates, metaborates, manganates, phosphates, mercapto-compounds, xanthic acid salts, dithiocarbamic acid salts, organic carboxylates, and other similar compounds.
 - 15. The coating according to claim 3, wherein said composition includes trace amounts of pH adjusting agents.
 - 16. The coating according to claim 15, wherein pH adjusting agent is selected from the group consisting essentially of ammonia, organic amines, and other similar agents.
 - 17. A metal alloy coated with the coating composition as set forth in claim 1.
- 15 18. An anti-corrosion coating comprising the composition set forth in claim 1.
 - 19. An anti-fingerprint coating comprising the composition set forth in claim 1.
 - 20. A highly adhesive coating to the metal alloys and galvanized steel as set forth in claim 1.
- 21. A highly adhesive coating to the subsequent liquid and powder paints as set forth in claim 1
 - 22. The galvanized and galvalume coats with the coating composition as set forth in claim 1.